

**VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH  
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 23, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Christine DelGuzzi called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present :        Zakariya Sherman, Library Director  
                     Christine DelGuzzi, Chairperson  
                     Phyllis Wissner, Vice Chairperson - Absent  
                     Bonnie Jenkins, Secretary  
                     Carolyn Kost, Member  
                     Brad Avakian, Member  
                     Tina Chippas, Member - Absent  
                     Leslie Metz, Member  
                     Darryl Aubrey, Council Member

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the February 23, 2021 meeting were approved with corrections after a motion made by Carolyn Kost and seconded by Leslie Metz.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Director Zak Sherman reported the following:

- **Library Matters:**
  - Books & Bites –
    - Inaugural event on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club was very well received.
    - Guest speaker, author Marie Bostwick discussed her latest book, *The Restoration of Celia Fairchild*.
    - Classic Bookshop (Palm Beach) sold books on behalf of the author who signed each copy.
    - 54 reservations were made and 49 attended.
    - Future Books & Bites will be scheduled for late October/early November.
    - This will be a continuing program featuring NY Times bestselling authors, in cooperation with Farmers Table and local bookstores.
  - AARP Tax Aide –
    - Help provided Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00am to 1:00pm
    - First come, first served.
    - Obert Room is now the waiting room, tax preparers are in Bob's Garage which allows for better workflow and social distancing.
  - Veterans Park Book Walk –
    - In commemoration of St. Patrick's Day, Youth Services Coordinator Julie Morrell created a book walk in Veterans Park.
    - She put of yard signs with pages of a storybook (traditional St. Patrick's story) at each station.
    - Children went to each sign reading the book and then came back inside the library for a chocolate coin in the Children's Room.
  - Spring Break Camp –
    - Clubhouse was short on staff, so Library staff pitched in to help.
    - Kids played tennis first half of the day and spent second half in the pool.

- Julie took Monday; Lynn Tuesday; Zak Wednesday; and Carol Thursday and Friday.
  - National Poetry Month –
    - April is National Poetry Month
    - To encourage people to read and share poetry.
    - Library will be emailing staff to help read poems which will then be posted to the Library’s social media pages.
  - Beach Clean Up Day –
    - The North Palm Beach Library is partnering with the Environmental Committee for a Beach Clean Up Day at Lakeside Park, 667 Lakeside Drive
    - Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am through 11:00am.
    - Bring your own reusable, refillable water bottles and gloves.
    - Teens can volunteer for community service hours.
  - Earth Day Celebration –
    - Veterans Park on Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Plant swap from 10:00am to 11:00am.
      - ❖ Bring healthy, pest-free plants to trade at the park. Our plant expert will go over some basic plant care tips, related to soil, light, and water, and will offer specific suggestions if you have a plant in need of TLC
    - Scavenger Hunt from 2:00pm to 3:30pm.
      - ❖ Hunt for local flora and fauna and win a grow kit.
  - March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the first day of drop-off for the annual Resident Art Show.
- **Facilities:**
  - Building –
    - New paint job was completed.
  - New printer set up and software is being configured. This will cut-out the printer company and make it more accessible and user friendly.
  - Future Plans –
    - Within the next two years it is anticipated the adult area will be refurbished. Funds from Friends gifts (\$28,000 last year plus the \$20,000 from this year) will be utilized.
      - ❖ There will be an edit of books that haven’t been checked out in over two years; carpets will be replaced; shelving will be re-configured.
- **Adult Services:**
  - Virtual Crafts for Grown Ups continues; third Thursday every Month 11am to noon
    - Kits are while supplies last and can be picked up at the library.
    - Sign up can be online or by calling the library
  - Virtual Book Club
    - April title is *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley.
    - A second discussion on *The Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah will also be offered due to the popularity of the book.
- **Teen Services:**
  - Teen Book Club: It’s Lit –
    - This month’s selection is *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman
    - Book is to be pre-read; and by attending and participating in discussion, teens will be allotted 10 hours of community service.
    - Sign-up is required and is available online
- **Friends of the Library News:**
  - Board meeting was held March 15<sup>th</sup> after Books and Bites event.
  - Gifted \$20,000 to the library.
  - Gift Basket raffle continues –

- Basket includes a one-hour massage or reflexology session.
- Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.00
- Drawing for the winner will be May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Statistics:**
  - E-Book and E-Audio Circulation numbers remain high.
  - Print circulation remains down due to the lack of school visits

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

There was none.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carolyn Kost and seconded by Leslie Metz.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Jenkins